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SAFE MOTOR VEHICLES
THROUGH COMPLIANCE

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UNDERCOVER / ROADSIDE EASTER ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The State of Utah consistently has one of the lowest fatality rates in the nation. In addition, the Utah Highway Patrol is continually striving to reduce crashes and related injuries on Utah roadways. A major contributor to this success is the state safety inspection program. The program ensures that vehicles are operating in compliance with state laws and vehicle equipment standards through proactive enforcement.

During the Easter weekend the Vehicle Safety Section took a proactive enforcement approach to address the number of illegally altered vehicles and equipment violations traveling through the Easter weekend. This was combined with the Utah Highway Patrol's April theme of crash reduction through speed and seatbelt enforcement.

This enforcement plan took place April 20 through April 22, 2011. Safety Inspection troopers and local area troopers combined their efforts in various locations throughout Utah County.

Undercover Vehicle:

A vehicle was obtained and taken to various safety inspection shops in order to verify compliance by stations and inspectors. Follow-up investigations were handled by safety inspection troopers.

Roadside Enforcement:

Troopers not participating with the use of the undercover vehicle focused on roadside enforcement, equipment, speed and seatbelt violations. Any safety inspection cases generated were handled by safety inspection troopers.

Roadside Enforcement Results:

The Safety Inspection enforcement project was successful, as you will be able to tell by the results listed below. Everyone that participated worked very hard focusing on the enforcement of illegal equipment, speed and seat belts in an attempt to reduce crashes and related injuries on Utah roadways.

- 247 Vehicles Stopped
- 225 Equipment Violations
- 27 Seat Belt Violations
- 21 Safety Inspection Cases Generated

ON-LINE STATIONS

On occasion the on-line web-based inspection Program which is maintained by Utah Interactive (Utah.gov), will have issues and the system will go down. Inspectors and / or stations may not be allowed to log in, for example a 400 error. The Safety Inspection Office has no ability to repair these issues, because Utah.gov is responsible for repairing the web based on-line inspection program.

In the event that this occurs, the Safety Inspection Program allows all on-line stations to purchase up to two (2) books of Paper Certificates a month for back-up use when the on-line inspection program is down. This will allow the station to continue performing inspections until the on-line system is back up and running. Your customers will be more satisfied walking out of your business with an inspection certificate other than being told to return later.

The mission of the Safety Inspection section is to provide professional police services, improve safety on the state's highways, and protect the constitutional rights of all people in Utah.

Our goal is to reduce the number of vehicle equipment related crashes by taking measures to ensure that motor vehicles in the state of Utah are in safe operating condition.



WHAT WE DO:

Educate citizens regarding motor vehicle equipment safety standards through; Media and Enforcement . Investigate Safety Inspection Station & Inspector complaints.

Perform Safety Inspection Station visits to educate and train inspection personnel on the safety inspection manual, proper inspection techniques and shop tool requirements.

Perform monthly covert safety inspection station and inspector activities and reward those stations who provide proper inspections, while removing stations and inspectors from the program who do not.

Perform roadside education and enforcement regarding motor vehicle safety requirements and compliance with current state and federal rules and regulations.

Q & A CORNER**IS MY STATION ALLOWED TO SIGN OFF
ANOTHER STATION'S REJECTS?**

With stations using the on-line inspection console, they now have access to pass a vehicle "after repairs are made" even if the inspection was performed at another station. This is allowed due to many station's that operate as a 'Safety Inspection Only' and do not perform repairs.

After a reject a vehicle is taken to a repair shop or owner performs repairs and the second station only verifies repairs of the reject items. Stations that did not perform the inspection or repairs may sign off the repairs, but are not required to.

MANUAL CLARIFICATIONS**Page 44, LIGHTING SECTION****E. Interior Indicator Lamps****1. Check Interior lamps for proper functioning.**

a. **REJECT** when: 1) Turn signal indicators, high beam indicator or parking brake indicator fail to function. The **CHECK ENGINE LIGHT IS NOT** listed as a **reject** item.

ADVANCED DESIGN LIGHT METERS

The Advanced Design Light Meter ordering information has changed. It can be ordered from www.hawaiiequipment.com, the phone numbers are 1-808-865-1820 & 1-800-865-1820, mailing address is PO Box 893459, Mililani, Hawaii 96789.

INSPECTOR VEHICLE CATEGORIES

Beginning immediately, all inspectors testing for motorcycle certification will also receive the ATV category.

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF PLATE-BRAKE TESTER CERTIFICATIONS.

PLACE STATION LICENSES AND INSPECTOR CARDS IN A CONSPICUOUS AREA.

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES OF INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CARDS.

AGENCY ACTIONS from 1/21/2011 to 2/16/2011

ANTHONY ALBA #24509	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JOHN BURNS #23565	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
BRENT PIERCE #15204	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
NORMAN EWELL #14418	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
SHANE NEIMOYER #24068	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
TUNEX SO. OGDEN #7084	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
MARKS AMERICAN CAR CARE #7362	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JOSHUA PETERS #22282	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
SET PRICE AUTO #7513	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
BRYAN WEISS #21223	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
VTMAUTO #7258	REVOKED	UPHELD
SOUTHWEST DIESEL #585	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
CALVIN JESSOP #19952	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
DOCTOR AUTO REPAIR #7350	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
CORY TIDWELL #24435	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
GRAKOS #2415	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
MIKE WILLIAMS #21651	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
CAR DOCTORS #7289	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
DANIEL BUTLER #24416	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
ESTEBAN GRAF #23072	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
TRAVIS STRASBURG #21239	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JULIO OCAMPO #24422	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
BLAINE ANDERSON #9150	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
GREASE 'N' GO #7236	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
ROBERT ROTZ #22096	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
CAMERON PACKER #17762	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JOHN PATTERSON #3283	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JUAN VAZQUEZ #21199	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
PEDRO GONZALEZ #21186	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
JESSE BROWN #2469	SUSPENSION	UPHELD
CHANCE LEE #21719	SUSPENSION	UPHELD

